



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Dapprich et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/735,099 EXAMINER: Betty J. Forman
FILING DATE: December 11, 2000 ART UNIT: 1632
FOR: METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY ISOLATING A NUCLEIC ACID

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Petition for Extension of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Appeal filed April 14, 2003 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before November 14, 2003. A check in the amount of \$1,005.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 22650-001 CIP. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Johnson".

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